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Suraci Tenant House /Dr. Weems House
Davidsonville

c. 1850
private

This early to mid 19th century stucco covered frame dwelling is on a hill side. The two-story shed on the rear surmounts a fully above-grade basement, giving the house the appearance of a bank house from the road. A large weathered chimney is on the west flank.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-206

Magi No. 0202065304

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DR. WEEMS HOUSE

and/or common WEEMS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Elmer Hagner Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Davidsonville ☐ vicinity of 4th congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: ruin

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Alfred J. Suraci

street & number 3916 Calverton Dr. telephone no.:

city, town Hyattsville state and zip code MD 20782

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 2129

street & number South Street folio 252

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(The Dr. Weems House burned on April 15, 1984).

Dr. Weems' house faces north on Elmer Hagner Road, and is situated on a knoll which is steep to the south but slopes more gently toward the north. At present the house is unoccupied, its last tenants apparently having moved out in the summer of 1983.

This is a two-story house with a steeply pitched gable roof. A one-story hip roof porch has been added to the front, which extends across two-thirds of the house. A one-story lean-to addition covers the western portion of the rear facade. This is set over a raised basement which accommodates the steep rear slope.

The outside of the house now has a stucco surface. However, this has deteriorated sufficiently, especially on the west wall, to expose the heavy timber construction. There is a large corner brace to the sill from the front post and alternating heavy and light studs. Applied to these are weatherboards measuring between 80"-86" in length. Later vertical riven nailers were applied for attaching a steel mesh foundation for the stucco. Plain casing trim was added around the door and window openings to adjust for the stucco. The foundation is constructed of brick and encases a full cellar. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The principal facade is asymmetrical and has four bays. From west to east there is a window, the main entrance, and then two windows, all almost evenly spaced. The first floor windows are 9/6. Directly above these on the second floor are 6/6 windows. The porch has two remaining plain columns on the corners which have a simple capital and no base. The two inner posts are smaller in scale and are unpainted. The porch appears to be a late 19th or early 20th century addition.

The west gable facade lacks fenestration with the exception of a fixed six-light sash off center to the left of the small interior chimney, which is centered on the gable.

A kitchen lean-to addition covers the western two-thirds of the first story on the rear or south facade. On the eastern exposed side is an entrance to the basement at ground level. On the first floor is a 9/6 window; to the left of the window is a five-panel door opening to the east room from a small porch of the lean-to. On the second floor are four uniformly spaced windows, which were fitted with 6/6 sash. On the south facade of the lean-to is a doorway to the basement, at ground level. On the first floor is a 6/6 window. On the east side is a small porch with two columns and wooden steps. There is a doorway into the lean-to from the porch. There is an interior brick chimney in the lean-to addition. On the western wall of the addition is a 4/4 basement window and a 4/4 window above.

The west gable facade of the house has two 6/6 windows flanking a large exterior chimney. This chimney is offset to the north and shoulders in asymmetrically at the second floor level as well as recessing somewhat a short distance above the outside face. There are 6/6 windows on the second floor above those of the first, as well as a fixed six-light window in the gable. There are variety of replacements to the original sash.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The interior has plastered walls. The trim was a plain baseboard with ogee cap moulding. The windows and doors have plain trim with mitered corners. The entrance door is a recent fiberboard replacement to the original. All interior doors are of five horizontal panel design with two exceptions noted later. These doors all have mortised locks and latches with metal door knobs. Facing the entrance is a straight-run staircase. It is a closed-string stair with simple molded trim. The newel posts have all been removed, as well as the handrail from the first to second floor. The only remaining portion of the handrail is on either side of the stairwell. The balusters are square. The fireplace on the western wall has a molded mantelpiece; the hearth is brick. To the rear of this room is the entrance to the lean-to. This has a deeply worn threshold.

The room to the east is larger. It has two windows on the front. The end or east wall has a small protruding chimney with a thimble opening. The rear wall has a window to the east and a door to the west. The floor is random-width pine and is the only surviving pine flooring in the house.

The lean-to structure has a door leading under the staircase, which makes a larger storage area. This has the same sturdy plaster as the rest of the house. On the east wall is an exterior door, in the southeast corner is a built-in corner cupboard. On the south wall is a window with a chimney to the right. On the west wall is a window.

The second story has four rooms of varying sizes. The front western room has a single window on each of the two outside walls. There is a thimble access to the exterior chimney. On the eastern corner is a shallow closet above the stairwell.

The eastern front bed chamber has two windows only in the northern (front) wall. In its western corner is a shallow closet backing the one in the other bed chamber. It has a cut down four-panel door. The panels are raised only on the interior side of the door, original graining survives on this face of the door.

The ghost of a box lock remains and is replaced by a mortised lock and door knob. In the wall of the blind outside corner of the room is a thimble to the narrow interior flue. The smallest room is to the rear of the west side. It probably served as the bathroom. Across from this is another bed chamber with a single window on each of the two outside walls.

In the attic is a very large zinc coated cistern which collected rainwater from the roof. Piping from the cistern would indicate it was used to supply limited water to the kitchen. Since there was no evidence of toilet fixtures, this water supply apparently served only the kitchen.

The foundation walls are all brick. The north wall is laid in common bond, six-to-one. The other three walls are laid in English bond. In the west wall the major chimney is supported by a relieving arch laid in double row lock bond. The south wall has an opening with a rebuilt door and window. The board-and-batten door is supported by HL hinges. Clinched rosehead nails were used in the door construction. A covered window opening fills in the remaining area left by reconstruction of the original two door opening. Evidence of the double opening is visible by two remaining pintels on either side of the entire opening.

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Also in the south wall is a small window with two wooden and one metal horizontal bar, which now opens into the cellar of the kitchen addition.

On the east wall is the base of the interior chimney. Abutting this is a brick pier which, aided by another pier at the center, supports a summer beam running the length of the house. The center pier also supports intersecting support beams. The sills and beams are hewn and notched. All the bricks and wood had been whitewashed with the exception of the newer oak flooring. The floor of the basement is dirt.

Outbuildings include a two-hole privy to the southeast and an open, standing seam, tin roofed animal shed to the south. A concrete, three sided foundation remains to the south as well.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Suraci Tenant House /Dr. Weems House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wayson Rd., near corner of Queen Anne Bridge Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Davidsonville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Alfred J. Suraci

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3416 Calverton Dr.,

CITY, TOWN

Hyattsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 20782**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County

Liber #2129

Folio #: 252

STREET & NUMBER

South St.

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Suraci tenant house is a stucco covered frame bank house on a brick foundation. It is in very poor condition. The house sits on a hill side with the three -story rear elevation facing south towards the road; a two story shed addition also joins the rear. The principal facade faces north. It is four bays wide on the first story and three bays wide on the second.

A hipped roof porch supported by three columns (originally four) extends across the center of the first story.

Windows are spaced uniformly but curiously on the facade- two windows on the east side and one on the west side. Those on the first story have 6/9 and 9/6 sash while the second story and other elevations have 6/6 and 2/2.

The main entrance is in the third bay of the front elevation. The door has six horizontal panels.

The house has a slightly overhanging gable flank roof with a plain box cornice, which returns slightly at the gable ends. There are three chimneys, one large exterior chimney with weathered slopes located to the north of the east elevation, one interior end chimney at the west gable end, and one on the southeast corner of the shed. All of the chimneys, with the exception of the one on the shed, are covered with stucco.

The surveyor was not permitted to go into the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES early to mid 19th cent. BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This 2 1/2 story , stucco-covered, frame dwelling is on a hill side. Because the site ~~sites~~ slopes down at the south, the 2 story shed on the rear has a fully above grade basement. Noteworthy features of the house are the regular but unevenly spaced windows, containing 2/6, 6/9 and 6/6 light sash on the principal facade, and the large weathered exterior chimney on the west elevation. In very poor condition, the house has more than 200 acres around it under cultivation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 231.39 (p.37 map 58 E) 1)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton Carroll

ORGANIZATION

A.A. Ct. Dept. of Planning and Zoning

DATE

July, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Arundel Bldg.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

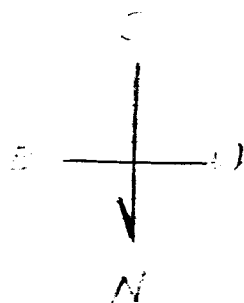
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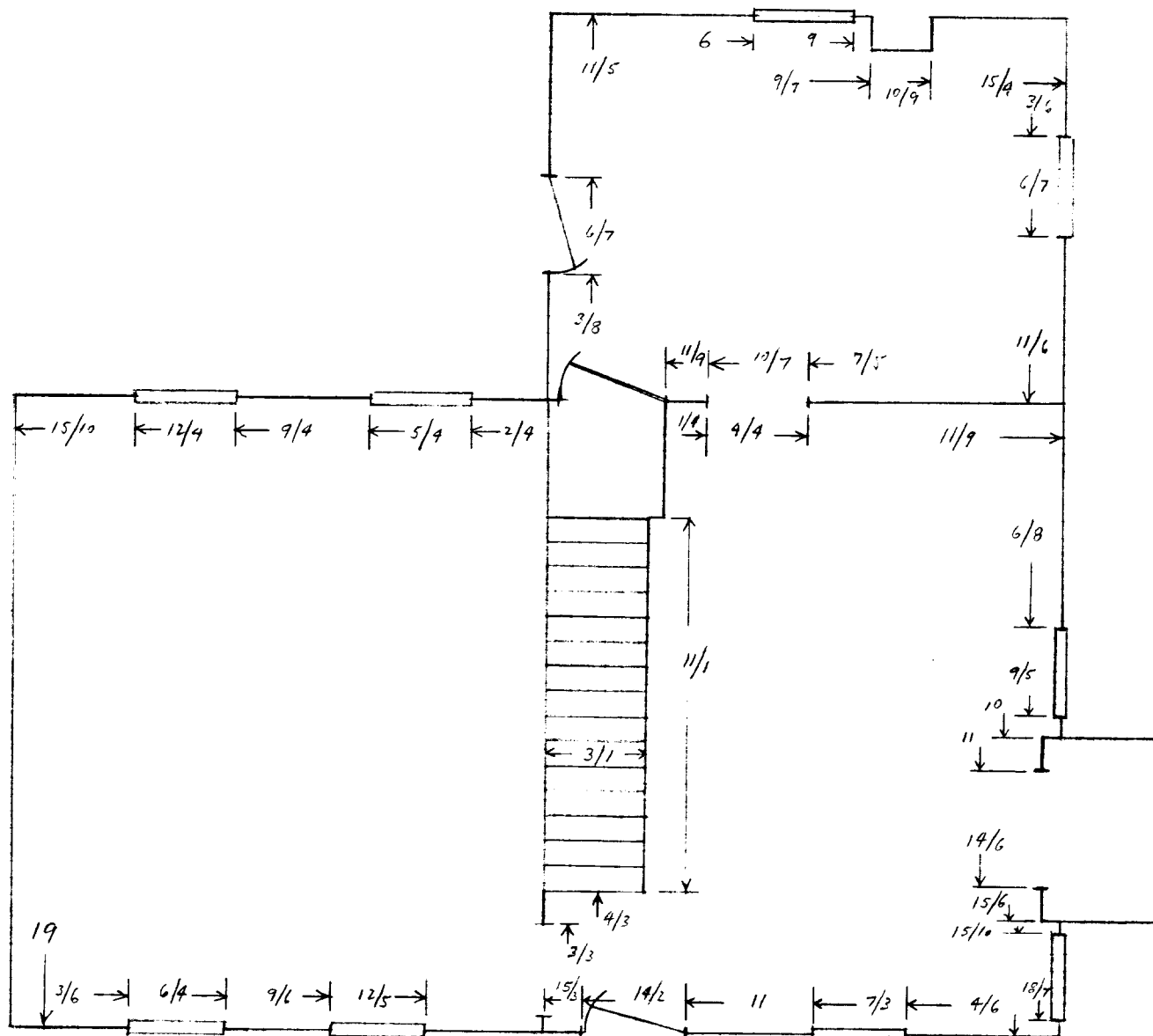
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Suraci Tenant H.

Davidsonville

Southwest elev.

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